

**REMARK**

The claims have been amended in accordance with the allowed scope, which the Examiner sets forth at page 5 of the Office Action. This action is taken to expedite allowance. Support for new claim 29 can be found, for example, in claim 16. No new matter has been added.

**Rejections under 35 USC §103**

Claims 15, 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Ellis et al (US 6,083,490) in view of Bruno (US 5,973,175).

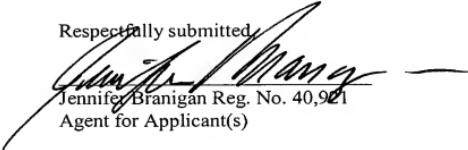
The amendments to the claims render the rejection moot. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 USC §103 be withdrawn.

**Rejoinder of Non-Elected Claims**

It is believed that the elected claims are in condition for allowance. As to non-elected claims 20-24(drawn to a method of making particulate titanium dioxide) and claims 25-28 (drawn to methods of using particulate titanium dioxide), applicants request that these claims be rejoined with the allowed compound claims, pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice regarding the *In re Ochiai*, 37 U.S.P.Q.2d 1127 (Fed.Cir. 1995), and *In re Brouwer*, 37 U.S.P.Q.2d 1663 (C.C.P.A. 1996) decisions. See also M.P.E.P. §821.04 ("Rejoinder"). The withdrawn claims depend directly or indirectly from subject matter, which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Thus, rejoinder would not create any additional search burden.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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